

## **Community Eligibility Description**

### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

Activities cited in Section 105(a) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, are eligible for assistance.

### **COSTS OF PREPARING GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ALLOWABLE.**

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Small cities, townships, and villages of less than 50,000 in population, and non-urban counties generally are eligible to apply for grants under the Michigan CDBG Program. There are over 1,600 eligible general-purpose local governments and these governments are referred to as nonentitlement jurisdictions.

### **INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

The following counties and their respective units of local governments are not eligible for Michigan CDBG funds:

Genesee County (City of Flushing is the one community within Genesee County eligible to apply for Michigan CDBG funds)  
Kent County (City of Cedar Springs is the one community within Kent County eligible to apply for Michigan CDBG funds)  
Macomb County  
Oakland County  
Wayne County

Washtenaw County and the following units of government within that county are not eligible for Michigan CDBG funds:

Ann Arbor City	Pittsfield Township
Ann Arbor Township	Salem Township
Bridgewater Township	Superior Township
Northfield Township	Ypsilanti Township

The following Michigan cities are not eligible to directly apply or directly receive Michigan CDBG funds, but an eligible county may apply for CDBG funds for projects located in these cities:

Battle Creek	Jackson	Muskegon	Port Huron
Bay City	Kalamazoo	Muskegon Heights	Saginaw
Benton Harbor	Lansing	Niles	
East Lansing	Midland	Norton Shores	
Holland	Monroe	Portage	

Indian tribes eligible for assistance under Section 107(a)(7) of the Housing and Community Development Act are not eligible to directly apply for or directly receive Michigan CDBG funds, but an eligible county or township may apply for Michigan CDBG funds for projects located on Indian reservations if the unit of general local government has the legal authority to fund such projects on Indian reservations and Indian preference is not provided.

## **Program Definitions**

### **Traditional Downtown:**

A grouping of 20 or more commercial parcels of property that include multi-story buildings of historical or architectural significance in an area zoned, planned, or utilized for commercial development for 50 or more years.

### **Gateway:**

A major traffic (vehicular or pedestrian) corridor into the traditional downtown.

### **Blighted Property:**

- 1) Has been declared a public nuisance in accordance with a local housing, building, plumbing, fire, or other related code ordinance.
- 2) Is an attractive nuisance to children because of physical condition, use or occupancy.
- 3) Is a fire hazard or is otherwise dangerous to the safety of persons or property.
- 4) Has had the utilities, plumbing, heating, or sewerage permanently disconnected, destroyed, removed, or rendered ineffective so that the property is unfit for its intended use.

## **Tentative Program Timeline**

<b>Letters sent to Communities</b>	<b>April 7, 2006</b>
<b>Notices of Intent Due</b>	<b>May 12, 2006</b>
<b>Staff Review/Recommendations</b>	<b>May 15-19, 2006</b>
<b>Site Visits (if needed)</b>	<b>May 22-30, 2006</b>
<b>Funding Determination Made</b>	<b>May 31, 2006</b>
<b>Environmental Reviews Started</b>	<b>June 2006</b>
<b>Board Memos/Approval Process</b>	<b>June 21, 2006</b>
<b>Applications Authorized</b>	<b>June 23, 2006</b>
<b>Applications Reviewed</b>	<b>July 1-21, 2006</b>
<b>Grant Agreements Prepared</b>	<b>July 24-31, 2006</b>
<b>Grant Agreements Delivered/Mailed and executed by all parties</b>	<b>August 2006</b>
<b>Projects could start once environmental clearance obtained/grants executed</b>	<b>August 2006</b>